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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the three paragraphs at page 11, lines 12-24 with the following three rewritten paragraphs:

Figures 8a and 8b show the second cycle voltage verses capacity plot for the battery containing M30 activated carbon pyrolyzed at 1000°C of the Illustrative Example re activated carbons.

Figures 9a and 9b show the first cycle voltage versus capacity plot for the battery